

**BILLS FOLLOWED BY THE
CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING
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SPONSORED BILLS

Bill Number – Author – Version Summary	Previous and Current CCTC Position Version (Date Adopted)	Status
SB 57 – Scott – Amended 8/30/01 Provides a “fast track” credential option for private school teachers and others who can demonstrate their knowledge, skills and abilities in the classroom.	Sponsor – Introduced version – (Dec. 2000)	Signed by the Governor. Chapter 269, Statutes of 2001.
SB 299 – Scott – Amended 8/30/01 Clarifies the Education Code Sections related to the Committee of Credentials and makes numerous non-controversial, technical and clarifying changes to the Education Code.	Sponsor – Introduced version – (Dec 2000)	Signed by the Governor. Chapter 342, Statutes of 2001.

ASSEMBLY BILLS OF INTEREST TO CCTC

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AB 75 – Steinberg – Amended 8/28/01 Creates a voluntary program to provide training to California’s principals and vice-principals to include academic standards, leadership skills, and the use of management and diagnostic technology. This is a Governor’s Initiative and the Governor’s Budget includes \$15 million for this program.	Watch – Introduced – (Feb 2001) Support – 2/22/01 – (March 2001)	Signed by the Governor. Chapter 697, Statutes of 2001.
AB 272 – Pavley – Amended 7/18/01 Would make a holder’s first clear multiple or single subject teaching credential valid for the life of the holder after two renewal cycles, if the holder meets specified requirements.	Oppose – Introduced version – (March 2001) Watch – 5/31/01 (July 2001)	Vetoed.
AB 401 – Cardenas – Amended 5/01/01 Requires the SPI to contract with an independent evaluator to determine if there is a difference in the distribution of resources (including credentialed teachers and pre-intern, intern and paraprofessional programs) between low-performing schools and high-performing schools within school districts. The report would be due by January 1, 2004 and subject to funding through the Budget Act.	Watch – Introduced version – (April 2001)	Senate Appropriations suspense file.
AB 721 – Steinberg – Amended 4/17/01 The CCTC could award grants to teacher preparation programs to develop or enhance programs to recruit, prepare and support new teachers to work and be successful in low performing schools.	Support – 3/29/01- (April 2001)	Assembly Committee on Appropriations suspense file.
AB 833 – Steinberg – Amended 7/18/01 Requires the SPI to calculate a teacher qualification index measuring a student's access to experienced credentialed teacher for each school.	Watch – 3/29/01 – (April 2001)	Vetoed.

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<p>AB 961 – Steinberg, Vasconcellos, Ortiz, Diaz et. al. – Amended 9/14/01</p> <p>Establishes the High Priority Schools Grant Program to allocate \$200 million to low performing schools in API deciles one through five, with a priority for funding on the first and second deciles.</p>		<p>Signed by the Governor.</p> <p>Chapter 749, Statutes of 2001.</p>
<p>AB 1148 - Wyland – Amended 4/17/01</p> <p>Would require the Legislative Analyst’s Office to identify the variables that account for significant differences in test performance in elementary and high schools where the schools have similar resources.</p>	<p>Watch – Introduced version – (April 2001)</p>	<p>Assembly Committee on Appropriations suspense file.</p>
<p>AB 1232 – Chavez – Amended 5/17/01</p> <p>Would establish the California State Troops to Teachers Act. Retired officers or noncommissioned officers who agree to teach for five years and participate in a paraprofessional, pre-internship or internship program would be eligible for a bonus payment.</p>	<p>Seek Amendments – Introduced version – (March 2001)</p> <p>Support – 5/01/01 (May 2001)</p>	<p>Assembly Committee on Appropriations suspense file.</p>
<p>AB 1241 – Robert Pacheco – Amended 8/22/01</p> <p>Would require the Chancellor of the California Community Colleges to submit a written report on the feasibility of the development of a uniform teacher preparation program.</p>	<p>Seek Amendments – Introduced version – (April 2001)</p> <p>Watch – 4/05/01 – (May 2001)</p>	<p>Signed by the Governor.</p> <p>Chapter 714, Statutes of 2001.</p>
<p>AB 1307 – Goldberg – Amended 8/28/01</p> <p>Would require the CCTC to adopt regulations that provide credential candidates with less than 24 months to complete the program to not meet new requirements under specified conditions.</p>	<p>Oppose, Unless Amended – Introduced version – (April 2001)</p> <p>Approve – 6/27/01 (July 2001)</p>	<p>Signed by the Governor.</p> <p>Chapter 565, Statutes of 2001.</p>
<p>AB 1431 – Horton – Amended 9/7/01</p> <p>Creates a pilot program, in a minimum of three districts, to provide a 3-day training program for substitute teachers in low performing schools. Requires Los Angeles Unified to be one if the three participants in the pilot program.</p>	<p>Watch – Introduced version – (April 2001)</p>	<p>Vetoed.</p>
<p>AB 1662 – R. Pacheco – Amended 4/30/01</p> <p>Would require a master's degree for the Pupil Personnel Services Credential.</p>	<p>Oppose – 5/02/01 – (May 2001)</p>	<p>Assembly Committee on Appropriations suspense file.</p>

SENATE BILLS

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SB 321 - Alarcon – Amended 7/18/01 Would allow school districts to provide a 30-day training program for teachers they hire on an emergency permit. Provides \$2 million for implementation to be dispersed to LAUSD after Commission approval of training program. Provided \$125K to Commission for administrative costs.	Seek Amendments – Introduced version – (April 2001)	Signed by the Governor. Chapter 576, Statutes of 2001. Deleted \$2 million for implementation.
SB 508 – Vasconcellos – Amended 7/17/01 Omnibus bill to improve California's lowest performing schools. One section would allow low-performing schools with 10% or more of their teachers serving on an emergency permit eligible to receive \$30,000 for a credentialed teacher to advise those teachers serving on emergency permits. Another section would expand the teaching requirement for Cal Grant T recipients to include any California public school, not just low-performing schools.	Watch – 4/23/01 (May 2001)	Senate unfinished business. (Content included in AB 961, Steinberg, Vasconcellos et.al.)
SB 572 – O’Connell – Amended 5/03/01 Prohibits school districts from limiting the years of service credit used to determine the salary of a teacher coming from another school district.	Support, If Amended – Introduced version – (April 2001) Watch – 5/03/01 – (May 2001)	Assembly Education Committee. Not yet scheduled for hearing.
SB 688 - O’Connell – Amended 6/4/01 Would make beginning teachers in regional occupation centers and programs eligible for BTSA.	Approve – Introduced version – (April 2001)	Assembly Appropriations Committee suspense file.
SB 743 – Murray – Amended 8/23/01 Would require the CCTC to develop a plan that addresses the disproportionate number of teachers serving on emergency permits in low-performing schools in low-income communities. The plan is due by July 1, 2002 and includes a \$32,000 appropriation from the General Fund.	Watch – Introduced version of SB 79– (Feb 2001) (Content of SB 79 was amended into SB 743.)	Vetoed.

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SB 792 – Sher – Amended 7/03/01 Would require the CCTC to issue a two-year subject matter credential after earning a baccalaureate degree and passage of CBEST and a clear credential after completion of 40 hours of preparation and professional development, if any, and passage of the teacher preparation assessment.	Oppose – Introduced version – (March 2001) Oppose – 4/5/01 – (April 2001)	Assembly Education Committee. Failed passage.
SB 837 – Scott – Amended 9/5/01 Would specify the documentation that a school district must provide the CCTC to justify a request for an emergency permit. This bill would also increase the state grant and district match for the pre-intern program and permit the CCTC to allow for district hardship.	Support – Introduced version – (March 2001)	Signed by the Governor. Chapter 585, Statutes of 2001.
SB 900 – Ortiz – Amended 3/28/01 Would increase efficiency in processing information requests by grouping those agencies with similar standards and information needs together.	Support, If Amended – 3/28/01 – (April 2001)	Senate Committee on Public Safety Committee. Two-year bill at request of the author.

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